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FORD STRIKE WINS UAW RECOGNITION

Yugoslavs Hold Nazis in South, Attack Scutari

Report Albanian Port Is Encircled; British Forces Join Yugoslavs; Counter-Drive Opened Near Prilep; Report Belgrade Taken

LONDON, April 11 (UP).—Violent fighting in south-western Yugoslavia, in which Yugoslav and British forces were struggling with Nazi divisions for a foothold in Albania was reported in reliable Yugoslav quarters here tonight.

Roosevelt Opens Red Sea To War Trade

Takes Step Allowing U.S. Supplies to Reach Suez Canal

WASHINGTON, April 11 (UP).—President Roosevelt today opened the Red Sea as a new avenue for shipment of American war supplies.

He reopened the eastern gateway to the Suez by revoking a previous definition of a 50-mile-wide strip of the Gulf of Aden as a combat zone under terms of the Neutrality Act. That narrow zone of water—extending from the eastern tip of Africa to the Arabian coast—had served as a "stopper" that barred American ships from entering the Red Sea.

The action permits American vessels to proceed to the Suez via the Red Sea and land supplies in non-belligerent areas.

Attorney General Robert H. Jackson admitted after a conference with Mr. Roosevelt that the question of including war supplies "is under study."

SAY DANES TO SEND SHIP PROTEST

ZURICH, Saturday, April 12 (UP).—The German radio said at midnight that the Danish Government had instructed its minister in Washington to protest in advance any United States action to purchase or charter Danish ships now in protective custody in American harbors.

Yugoslav Envoy in Turkey Off to USSR

SOFIA, April 11 (UP).—Vladimir Milanovitch, Yugoslav Minister, and three legation secretaries are expected to leave tonight for the Soviet Union by way of Rumania.

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Balkan War Cuts Off Germany's Materials

Soviet Naval Organ Stresses Role of Turkey in Struggle for Near East's Oil—British Face Serious Threat from Libya

(Wireless to Intercontinent News)

MOSCOW, April 11.—Analyzing the changes in the war situation with the development of a new front in the Balkans, Red Fleet, organ of the Red Navy, today points out that Germany's important sources of supplies, both industrial and agricultural, from Balkan countries is now cut off, and that Italy faces a serious threat from the air because of the shortened operating radius of fighting planes from Yugoslav air bases.

Commenting on the numerical and material superiority of German forces, Red Fleet declares that developments in the Balkan war should not be judged by the retreat of Greek and Yugoslav forces, since they must fight a war of resistance utilizing favorable terrain.

Developments in the Balkans, Red Fleet says, depend to a great extent on the course Turkey will follow under the pressure of diplomatic struggle for her support by both belligerents.

WAR IN AFRICA

Turning to the war in Africa, Red Fleet declares that the British evidently miscalculated the strength of new German and Italian forces there, and may lose territory in Libya with the consequent threat to the Suez Canal and Egypt.

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Barcelona Today: A City of Hunger and Anger

Markets Are Bare; Disease Toll Increases

Resentment Mounting Against Terroristic Franco Regime

(Special to Intercontinental News)

LISBON (By Mail).—Barcelona, the once rich Catalonian capital, the most industrialized Spanish city, today is suffering from misery and hunger, a traveller from Spain reported upon his return here this week.

Trade is almost dead. There is nothing to be sold and what is found demands such fabulous prices that everything is beyond the purchasing power of the people. The women return to their homes from the market with empty baskets, protesting and indignant. There is nothing to eat.

Some women, who through illicit means and cunning, have been able to get a little coffee, sugar and tobacco, go secretly to the part of town that has become a center for contraband trade. The women, when found, are persecuted and jailed.

The problem of provisions has reached such an acute stage that the authorities have rationed everything. The store shelves are almost empty. The owners place their foodstuffs far apart to fill up the empty spaces. Large wholesale places are shown displaying a single article.

NO 'RECONSTRUCTION'

The famous "reconstruction of Spain" can be seen nowhere in Barcelona. Only a few repairs have been made in the ports and in a few dwelling places. Beginning has reached such a point that people who have always worked before today are seen beggars on the streets. There are many children begging. Prostitution is increasing considerably.

The few articles which reach Barcelona are cotton from the United States, wheat from Argentina, and coffee and sugar from Brazil. Most of these products go to the official organizations and what is left is supposed to go to the market.

When a ship arrives the people hope that they may get some of the articles being brought in, but rationing continues just the same. The people say that in the end everything goes to Italy and Germany, and there is some reason to believe it is so, inasmuch as the same ships later depart for Genoa. There is no clothing. Women wear dresses made of mattress covering. Both men and women wear clothing made of sugar sacks. A pair of shoes costs anywhere from \$20 to \$30.

Anemia and tuberculosis are taking their toll.

INTENSE RESENTMENT

The intense political feeling against Franco and the Falange in Barcelona is expressed in many ways. Women, especially when they are marketing, do not conceal their hatred and speak openly about it. In spite of all prohibitive measures, they continue to speak their native language, Catalonian. Ninety per cent of the population continues to speak Catalonian. There is general animosity against Franco and all pro-Franco objectives.

Even the Catalonian industrialists, who are continually being fined, do not hide their opposition to Franco. When the people talk of these things, however, they do so in a quiet manner, protecting themselves against the spies who are organized to counteract this atmosphere.

The theaters show German and Italian pictures, and very few American pictures.

Assault Guards and Carabineros (internal revenue guards), together with some of the Civil Guards are in charge of "order" in Barcelona. The Assault Guards are very hard, but the Carabineros are mostly anti-Franco. They are especially commissioned to combat contraband and illegal sales, but they themselves practice it and never miss an occasion to sabotage the regime, for they also suffer want.

The old affiliates of the CNT (General Confederation of Labor) acknowledge many of the errors committed by their organization during the war.

FORCED ORGANIZATION

In order to be able to attend school, children must belong to the fascist "Pelayos" or to the "Flechas." The Falange parades are attended by girls but by "well-to-do" girls only. The workers and the youth of the people do not attend either the parades or the trade unions to which they are forced to belong.

While many Republican, Socialist, and Anarchist leaders in exile are in close contact with the aristocratic monarchists, the people of Barcelona, as well as the people of Spain, do not want the monarchy, nor do they want the Franco dictatorship. The people want the Popular Republic and are still willing to fight for it.

The Catalonian people know

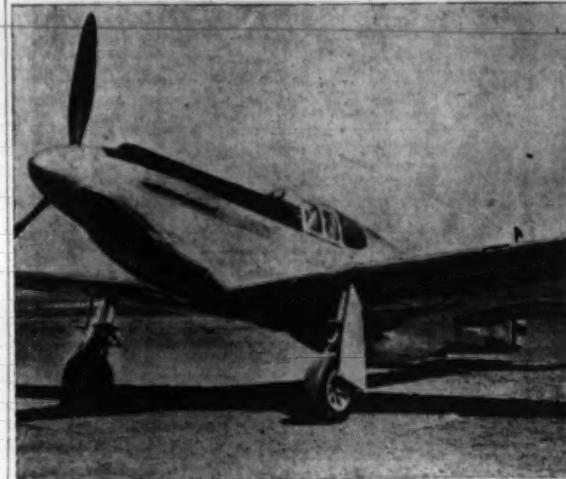


BROWDER SAYS---

THE Roosevelt Administration has entered into a compact to aid the British ruling class to retain control of a slave empire in half of Africa, to continue to rule three hundred and fifty million Indians against their will. The Roosevelt Administration is about to enter into military action which cannot but be directed against Ireland. It is now

adding its pressure to that of Churchill and Halifax to compel Ireland to surrender its natural fortifications again to the British Government. We Americans do not wish to have our country made an instrument of war to aid the British rulers to renew and complete the conquest of Ireland that they have unsuccessfully attempted for seven hundred years."—*"The Way Out," by Earl Browder: pages 200-1.*

'Stop the Convoys' -- Peace Rallies in Every State Called to Halt War Drive



Preview of New Pursuit Plane: The XP-51, North American Aviation's newest design, photographed at Inglewood, Calif. The ship has a speed of more than 400 miles an hour. Strict secrecy has prevented publication of its specification as several have been ordered for the U. S. Army.

Red Army War Analysis

British Delay in Balkans Would Prove to Be Costly

Time Vital Factor in View of Energetic German Operations; Fall of Salonika Not Decisive to War's Outcome

(Wireless to Intercontinental News)

MOSCOW, April 11.—Any delay on the part of General Sir Archibald Wavell in taking energetic measures in the Balkans "may lead to serious consequences," for the decisive element in this situation is time," declared Colonel Popov, in his military review yesterday in "Red Star."

The Yugoslav army showed a praiseworthy and prompt taking the offensive, as for example in the southward blow along the Albanian coast, but with a concentric offensive against her, it is hardly likely that the Yugoslav command will realize its plan.

In any event, Colonel Popov says, the loss of Salonika to the Germans "cannot nevertheless have a decisive influence" on the actual outcome of the Balkan operations.

The Red Star article is as follows:

GERMAN STRATEGY

"The plan outlined by the German command has become sufficiently clear during the first few days of active fighting in the Balkans. It consists of the following operations:

"By striking in the direction Sofia-Skopje, and further west, they plan to split the Yugoslav army from the Greek and at the same time to unite with the Italian troops isolated in Albania. On the completion of this maneuver, the German troops will evidently display greater activity also on other fronts.

"The capture of Maribor and the Italian advance in the Sava valley must be regarded as a matter of local significance chiefly.

"In case the German plan is realized, the Yugoslavians will still have a chance to maintain communications with her allies by sea. Owing to the obvious domination of the British navy in the eastern Mediterranean, it would not be a particularly hard task.

"The struggle of the Yugoslav army against a considerably stronger enemy undoubtedly involves great hardships. This is aggravated also by the presence of many fronts, which permits the Germans to launch a concentric offensive from several directions.

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In order to be able to attend school, children must belong to the present imperialist war. It has no sympathy with any side in the conflict knowing both are equally imperialist and are not interested in the liberty and independence of Spain, wishing to the trade unions to which they are forced to belong.

The Falange is pro-German. Many Requetes are pro-English. The people feel that just as the Falange and Requetes are their national enemies, the capitalist and imperialist groups of England, Germany and Italy are their enemies in the international field.

The people, however, look upon the Soviet Union as their friend, because they remember the assistance the Soviet Union gave to Popular Republican Spain. Even

now banners appear on the streets declaring, "Long live the Soviet Republic."

Today the people of Barcelona want an advanced Republic, declared the returned traveler—even those who were "moderate" republicans before. The people today have faith in the United Socialist Party of Catalonia. "Here is an instance from a family I know. An uncle who fought in the war was shot as soon as the Franco army entered Barcelona. Although he was a Communist, his family had no political tendency and the women were a little inclined to the right. Today they are all Communists."

When anyone leaves Spain, he related, he is asked, "Why don't you go to Russia? That is the best."

Peace Mobilization Call Rallies People Around 5 Basic Issues

In answer to the national campaign to "prepare America for convoys," the American Peace Mobilization yesterday called for the formation of state and regional Peace conferences throughout the United States to "rally the overwhelming demand of the people that America not enter this war."

The sectional meetings were proposed to implement the findings and decisions of the National Peoples' Meeting, at which 5,000 delegates from all sections of America gathered last weekend to formulate a policy for Peace, Liberty and the Common Welfare of the American people. The meetings will take place in various sections of the country beginning on or about Memorial Day, May 30.

In making public the proposed plan, Frederick V. Field, executive secretary of the American Peace Mobilization, said the conferences would be built around the five major problems confronting the American people today, which were listed as:

1.—The prevention of active belligerency—NO AEF; NO CONVOYS.

2.—Support to American labor in its fight to maintain the American standard of living.

3.—Support to the American farmer in his fight to secure cost of production, and ownership and protection of his means of production.

4.—Who is to bear the burden of the war? Who will pay the forty billions being appropriated under the Roosevelt war program?

5.—Racial, religious, and political discrimination.

WAR DRIVE GROWS

"The American people today," Field said, "are confronted with a suddenly accelerated campaign to terrorize and victimize them into sanctioning the use of American warships as convoys."

FROM HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, we suddenly hear against the nebulous demagogic about 'forces of good' versus 'forces of evil' that once caused the now dead of the last war into a fight that was not for democracy.

"From official, unofficial and semi-official sources has sprung a great campaign to convince the American people that they are utter fools because they still insist, despite all propaganda, that they wish to remain at peace.

"But the American people have already seen that this war, like the last, is bringing greater democracy to no one, is bringing freedom to no one, is bringing only reaction and suppression in a multitude of forms to our country, even before we have entered this war."

"To the people, democracy is more than a word. It is a way of living. To achieve it, to hold it, they must and will organize in great gatherings to protest the destruction of democracy and to insist that the voice of the people be heard—that there be no convoys, no sending of American boys to die abroad."

IN SPITE OF THE EXCEPTIONALLY difficult situation created there, the Yugoslav command is not limiting its tasks to defense. Whereas its offensive in the Flume district was of a local character, the attempt to strike south along the Albanian coast undoubtedly pursued major aims.

However, the rapid advance of the German troops west and southwest of Skopje will hardly permit Yugoslavia to realize the plan outlined. After reaching the Vardar valley, the German troops were able to utilize this most convenient district for maneuvering and for operations of the mechanized forces.

"The loss of Salonika and with it the entire territory to the east cannot nevertheless have a decisive influence" on the actual outcome of the Balkan operations.

REALIZING THE EXCEPTIONALLY disadvantageous position of its troops in eastern Macedonia, the Greek command left there only very insignificant forces. No greater were the forces north of Salonika.

"Greece has many mountainous lines of defense. The first line of defense which the advancing German troops will encounter begins at the famous 9,730-foot-high Mt. Olympus, and stretches north-west towards Phlorina."

French-Citizens In Turkey Get Set to Evacuate

ISTANBUL, April 11 (UP).—French consular officials today warned their nationals in Istanbul that they should be prepared to proceed to Anatolia in Asiatic Turkey "on short notice."

The action followed yesterday's offer by the Turkish government to evacuate its own civilians to Anatolia at the cost of the government, so far as transport from areas bordering Greece and Bulgaria was concerned. It was reported that evacuations in accordance with the government's offer were in progress.

Matsuoka Sees Molotov in Moscow

MOSCOW, April 11 (UP).—Japanese Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka saw Premier and Foreign Affairs Commissar V. M. Molotov again today, remaining with him more than two hours.

It was the third meeting between the two statesmen since Matsuoka reached here Monday following his conversations in Rome, Berlin and Vatican City.

very well what to expect from the present imperialist war. It has no sympathy with any side in the conflict knowing both are equally imperialist and are not interested in the liberty and independence of Spain, wishing to the trade unions to which they are forced to belong.

Gold Star War Mothers Vote 'No Convoys'

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, April 11.—The World War Mothers of New England, holding its annual meeting at the Hotel Brunswick yesterday, adopted a resolution against the use of American convoys for British vessels, or sending of American soldiers abroad. A letter to that effect was sent to Senator Tobey of New Hampshire.

The session was attended by some 75 members from six states. Mrs. Ann McCann of Worcester was elected president, and Mrs. Mary E. Gilbey of Winchester secretary.

Jam Moscow Theaters to See Yugoslav Treaty Film

MOSCOW, April 11 (UP).—Large crowds queued up at motion picture theaters to see newsreels depicting the recent signing of the Soviet-Yugoslav Non-Aggression Treaty.

The pictures showed Foreign Commissar Viacheslav M. Molotov and Yugoslav Minister Milan Gavrilovich signing the treaty while Josef Stalin and other Soviet leaders engaged Yugoslavs in conversation.

Audiences applauded vigorously and cheered the Yugoslav people.

USSR, Norway in New Trade Pact

(Wireless to Intercontinental News)

MOSCOW, April 11. — A new trade agreement between the Soviet Union and Norway was signed here yesterday.

Negotiations for the agreement, which regulates trade turnover and payments, were carried on and concluded by Assistant People's Commissar of Foreign Trade Stepanov, and by the Foreign Trade Commissariat's Chief of the Department of Trade Agreements, Mishustin, on behalf of the Soviet Union. Councillor Hiltgen of the German embassy in Moscow, working with the Norwegian Acting Minister of Trade and Industry, Johannessen, acted on behalf of Norway.

START GREAT FIRES

Great fires were reported glowing through deep layers of clouds at Duesseldorf and "many high explosives were seen to burst in industrial quarters of the town. One large factory was wrecked by violent eruptions in its midst."

The German attacks on Britain Thursday night were carried out by "considerable numbers" of planes and caused "considerable" damage and possibly heavy casualties, a joint communiqué of the Air and Home Security Ministries said.

At Merignac, where long range bombers were said to have taken off for attacks on convoys from America; bomb hits were reported on runways, hangars and other buildings of the airfield.

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IN BREST

British command has undoubtedly already started to ship part of its forces back to Libya. Being in possession of the port of Massawa, the British can safely transport their troops by way of the Suez Canal. Such apparently, is the aim of the British command.

"The territories of Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary have become an arena of war with all the consequences arising therefrom. These countries always serve as one of Germany's main supply sources. Now their economic life is interrupted."

"It should be borne in mind that with airfields in Yugoslavia and Greece, the radius of possible operations of the British air force has been shortened; the distance to the oil fields of Rumania has been shortened by hundreds of miles.

"Serious danger may face Italy from the air since the distance of operations of air forces operating from airfields in western and northern Yugoslavia against the basic industrial war centers of northern and central Italy have been sharply reduced."

IN THE FAR EAST

"This in its turn depends upon the situation in the western part of the Mediterranean, particularly upon the position of Spain and France, and also upon the situation in the Atlantic and the extent to which American armaments will succeed in reaching Britain despite the German blockade, and finally, it depends also upon the situation in the Far East."

Yugoslavs Hold Nazis in South, Attack Scutari

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man army had entered Belgrade last night.

HUGE BRITISH-GERMAN CLASH SHAPES UP

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN THE BALKANS, Viz. Athens, April 11 (UP).—One of the greatest battles ever fought on this historic front appeared developing today after preliminary skirmishes between Britain's Balkan Expeditionary Force and the German war machine.

Heretofore the German attack in the Balkans has been directed mainly against the Greeks and Yugoslavs, while the British army jockeyed into position and held itself in readiness for the appropriate moment to join the battle.

The Germans suffered heavy losses in breaking through the Greek-Yugoslav frontier posts.

PRIDE GREEKS' MAGNIFICENT RESISTANCE

ATHENS, April 11 (UP).—A major battle between British Expeditionary Forces on whom may depend the course of the war and German Panzer divisions streaming south through the Monastir Gap from Yugoslavia, either was imminent or already had begun to-night after their first minor clash.



Good Cooks Until . . .

These pickets marching in front of the Thompson cafeteria at Grand Central Station yesterday replied to a spokesman of the firm who said before a State Labor Relations Board hearing, that any "housewife cook" would fill the requirements at the 10 strike-closed stores of the company.

—Daily Worker Photo

CIO Talks With Westinghouse Progressing

To Resume Meeting on Monday; Pact Will Affect 40,000

James Maties, director of organization of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, yesterday announced that "progress was made on every issue" in negotiations for a general contract with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co. covering 40,000 employees in 23 plant.

Maties said conferences held on Tuesday and Wednesday, will be resumed next Monday when it is expected the provisions would be put in "final shape."

Maties' announcement follows:

"Conferences were held on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week between the company and the union at the company's offices in New York City."

"Progress was made on every issue which the union has submitted."

"Negotiations will resume here next Monday, at which time we expect to put the provisions in final shape, and at which time the main subject for discussion will be the union's request for a general wage increase of ten cents per hour."

He also said that an additional shop of the company—at Johnsons, Pa.—had been added to the UE list through a unanimous vote for the UE in a labor board election held there this week.

Move to Cut Tennessee Poll Tax in Half

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 11.—The first severe blow to the feudal poll tax set-up was delivered here at a meeting of the County Court, where action was taken to cut the tax in half in nine counties.

This action came as a result of the steady mounting public pressure against the law which disenfranchise thousands, under the sponsorship of the Commonwealth Federation and other people's organizations.

Aids Spanish Refugees, Pastor Is Dismissed

Rev. Ver Lynn M. Sprague, who was removed from his Westchester pastorate last week for his progressive activities on behalf of victims of Franco terror, will speak on the incident Wednesday, April 16, at 8 P.M. at Community House, Bedford Hills, it was announced.

Rev. Sprague's meeting will be sponsored by the United American Spanish Aid Committee. The reverend, who is director of the Religious Division of the committee, declared yesterday that "justice and humanity required that my parishioners and many other people in Westchester, who still may be confused in regard to the issues involved in the Spanish conflict and the present efforts which are being made to bring help to the Loyalist refugees, be given an opportunity to hear both sides of the question."

Other speakers scheduled are Kenneth Leslie, editor of the "Protestant Digest" and Felix Kusman, Spanish civil war veteran.

Worker Dies In Explosion at Jersey Plant

Negro Killed in Second Blast in Alabama; 13 More Hurt

BELVIDERE, N. J., April 11 (UPI)—One man was killed and four were injured, two critically, when an explosion of nitrated cotton damaged the dehydration house of the Hercules Powder Co. plant here today.

Charles J. Hagerly, Warren County coroner, denied a report that two men were killed. The dead man was Charles Haycock, 21, of Belvidere, who died an hour and 20 minutes after the blast in Warren Hospital, Phillipsburg.

Company officials listed the injured: Richard Stenlake, 35, East Bangor, Pa., dehydration house foreman, head injuries and fractures of left leg and arm, in critical condition at Easton, Pa., Hospital; George C. Dalrymple, Oxford, N. J., fractured skull, in critical condition in Warren Hospital; Walter H. Gerlach, 23, oiler, Oxford, shock, and Marshall Meyers, Belvidere, shock.

Spokesmen for the company, whose Belvidere plant was built last year and put into production of smokeless powder for the government recently, said only a small block of nitrated cotton exploded and that damage was slight.

NEGRO DIES AFTER ALABAMA EXPLOSION

BESSEMER, Ala., April 11 (UPI)—An explosion which was heard seven miles away today wrecked the steam boiler supplying a blast furnace at Woodward Iron Company's plant here.

A Negro repairman, Will Rush, died of burns at West End Hospital in Birmingham two hours after he was rushed from the explosion scene. Thirteen other white and Negro injured were taken to the hospital but several were released after treatment for minor burns.

The explosion occurred in the blowing room adjoining the furnace structure, according to plant officials who talked to newspapermen outside the gates.

NYA Recognizes Organization of Young Workers

The city NYA administration has agreed to recognize the New York NYA Workers Council as official spokesman for the youth workers, and the first president of the Erie County Industrial Union Council, has received the endorsement of the Erie County Industrial Union Council and the support of many Bethlehem steel shop stewards.

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The ship arrived yesterday from Galveston and Houston carrying a general cargo and was scheduled to sail again Tuesday. The El Mundo is a 6,000-ton ship.

None of the firemen were injured seriously.

Labor Backs Kinsey in Buffalo Poll

CIO Unionist Enters Special Elections to Congress

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 11.—Filing 2,500 signatures collected among Bethlehem steel workers, Loyd E. Kinsey has entered the special election being held in the 42nd Congressional District due to the sudden death of the late Congressman Schwert, as labor's anti-war candidate.

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Dock Workers To Pay Tribute To Thaelmann

'Free Thaelmann' Rally April 16; Foster to Speak

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Marcantonio to Speak At Bronx Peace Rally

Congressman Vito Marcantonio, Harlem Laborer, will address a North Bronx anti-war rally, Friday night, April 18, at Evander Childs High School, Gunhill Road and Bronxwood Ave.

* Dates not definite.

Massachusetts High Court Kills Ban on Picketing

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, April 11.—The State Supreme Court of Massachusetts ruled yesterday that the Boston ordinance prohibiting the carrying of a placard, or sign without a permit was unconstitutional. This ruling was in conformance with an earlier ruling of the United States Supreme Court.

This ruling was considered a boon to trade unions which were prevented from picketing with signs prior to this action of the court.

Painters Act On May Day; Donate Funds

Vote to Participate in Demonstration; Name Committee Group

District Council 9, Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers, AFL, decided at its regular meeting to participate in the May First parade and made preparations for the demonstration. The Council elected five delegates to work with the United May Day Committee and donated \$50 to finance the celebration.

Louis Weinstock, President of District Council 9 said:

"The Painters District Council has participated in May Day parades since the early years of this century. The Painters organizations are among the most progressive trade unions in the City of New York. We call upon all other trade unions to participate in the May Day parade this year to demonstrate the unity and solidarity of the workers for Peace, Democracy, to maintain the New Deal labor laws intact, and to fight against anti-labor legislation."

Weinstock is chairman of the May Day Committee.

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Massachusetts Enacts Bill to Ban Job Bias

Anti-Poll Tax Bill Is Memorialized, Anti-Lynch Act Favored

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, April 11.—Gov. Saltonstall yesterday signed an act "to prevent discrimination in employment against persons of any race, color, or nationality on public works and in employment agencies." This bill, which was introduced for the Massachusetts Youth Council through Rep. Cook of Boston, was first heard on Feb. 13. More than a hundred persons attended this hearing. Representatives of dozens of Negro civic and church organizations and other groups, including the National Negro Congress, spoke at this hearing. Ann Burak spoke for the Communist Party in support of this measure. The bill was held up for weeks in the Senate, where it was amended, tabled, finally reintroduced, and yesterday was introduced into law.

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Oklahoma War Vets Denounce 'Mockery Of Justice'; Demand Communists Be Freed

(Special to the Daily Worker)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 11.—Protesting the "flagrant violation" of American constitutional rights in the Oklahoma criminal-syndicalism cases, the Coalgate, Oklahoma, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1198 has passed a resolution demanding "the reversal of this mockery of justice and complete restoration to freedom of the persecuted."

The Colgate V.F.W. resolution

pointed out that "under cover of war defense hysteria the present rulers of America are systematically subverting traditional democratic principles in order to selfishly salvage their 'house of cards' economy." Signing the resolution were Peter E. Krempp, post commander, and Steve Burleson, adjutant. Coalgate is in the eastern Oklahoma coal fields, where labor is aware of the dangers to its rights in the vicious Oklahoma county persecutions of the Communist Party.

The resolution said:

Whereas—Under cover of war defense hysteria, the present rulers of America are systematically subverting traditional democratic principles in order to selfishly salvage their "house of cards" economy, and

Whereas—Such a procedure against democratic minority parties was followed by a destruction of trade unions and general civil rights in both Italy and Germany, and

Whereas—All attempts of

'super patriots' to begin a legalistic campaign of force and violence against any part of the American working people are the methods of home-grown Nazis and as such are a dangerous threat to all labor, organized and unorganized, and to the cherished peace sentiments of 98 per cent of the people.

We therefore—Demand the reversal of the mockery of justice in Oklahoma and complete restoration to freedom of the persecuted.

Ford Strike Wins Union Recognition

Strikers Return to Work on Monday; Company Bargains for First Time in History; Agrees to Hold Labor Board Election

(Continued from Page 1)

Board election which is expected within four weeks since the company has agreed to turn over to the NLRB its payroll lists to aid the election.

Later this afternoon, when news of the settlement broke on the picket line, pickets who had been reading and hearing on the radio all day that a settlement was in the offing started impromptu parades and filled Miller Road, Eagle Pass and other sections around the plant with cheering throngs. Great crowds of workers still stood around the gates discussing the terms.

The workers immediately began planning their union work inside the plant when they return. Leaders on the picket lines were surrounded with workers seeking instructions and getting them. Handshakes there were aplenty. They had done it. Women came racing to the picket lines in cars to ride the men who licked Ford back to rest and sleep for the first time in nine days and nights.

The strike, which was provoked by the Ford Motor Co. in an attempt to smash the fast growing UAW-CIO, saw these workers, nine-tenths of them never in a union or on a picket line before, win and return with their union recognized by Ford as their spokesmen.

PLAN'S PLANT DRIVE

Their comments centered on getting their grievance machinery working and starting a plant-wide drive to make Ford's 100 per cent union. Many of them stated that 100 per cent union in the shop means 100 per cent victory in the coming NLRB elections.

On Monday large sections of the plant will be working. The company states that by next Friday all employees will be back to work. The injunction gotten by the Ford Motor Co. against the union was automatically dropped when the strike ended.

After the NLRB election, negotiations will open on wages, hours, and a contract with the company. The NLRB election will also be held at the same time at the company's Lincoln plant, which the UAW-CIO says it has unionized 100 per cent.

The three-point program of settlement was proposed by Governor Van Wagoner. The company agreed to the program with one modification. That was that a NLRB examination on unfair labor practices of Ford shall not open this coming Monday but shall be postponed till after the election. This point, added to the program last night, held the strike over for one more day when the strikers mass meeting in the Collisum voted to picket till the union committee had time to study this modification.

AGREE TO POSTPONE

The mass meeting also empowered R. J. Thomas, Allan Haywood and Michael Widman, Ford drive director, and his 12 shop committee to call off the strike when this point had been settled.

Today the NLRB authorities in Detroit and Washington agreed that the examination would be postponed till after the NLRB examination in Rouge and Lincoln plants of the company.

The union already had agreed to a postponement.

The ground work for the settlement was also paved when CIO president Philip Murray came here and conferred with Harry Bennett. The strike, which shook reaction and anti-union forces to their uppers, saw the workers withstand the fiercest red-baiting ever launched against any strike in the last several decades.

Press, radio, courts, the reactionary leadership of the American Federation of Labor, all did their part to defeat this strike.

But new and novel strike measures were developed by these men, many of whom had never manned a picket line. Their famous blockade system that tied up 16 major highways leading into the Rouge plant will never be forgotten by labor. Their tremendous picket lines that stretched for 16 miles in a human wall around Ford's open shop empire will haunt Henry for many a day.

Their wives, who picketed in

thousands and who served an average of 45,000 meals a day, will long be remembered.

They fought as a great army of labor against the world's greatest anti-union force.

By the last day of the strike, veteran CIO leaders who visited the strike scene stated that their strike organization had reached a perfection stage.

Today, thoughtful and serious as they were during their great strike, they prepared to march back like a solid army of native born, foreign born, young, old, Negro and white, into not the Alcatraz of open-shops that they used to work in, but a plant where a union is recognized. And if we know these men, it will be a union that will work 24 hours a day like it did during the never-to-be-forgotten Ford strike.

Sandhogs to Picket Anew; Merger Is Off

Officials of Local 29 Reject Amalgamation with 147

Picketing may be resumed today on Monday at the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel following the refusal of Rock Drillers Local 29 of the Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers Union to accept proposals of a merger with the Compressed Air and Tunnel Workers, Local 147 of the same organization.

This statement was made yesterday by Hyman N. Glickstein, attorney for Local 147, at work on the Manhattan shaft of the tunnel continued to be struck by Local 147 due to a jurisdictional dispute which began in February.

One thousand members of Local 147, meeting at Irving Plaza Thursday night, voted unanimously to adopt the merger proposals submitted by international president Joseph V. Moretti at a mediation conference in Washington after the local had agreed to withdraw injunction proceedings against the international union. The proposals included provisions for protection of local autonomy of the scheduled new local.

"This action would have gone through and the dispute settled if a picked clique of Local 29 had not met on the same night and voted down these proposals," Glickstein declared.

"Full responsibility for the continuation of the dispute must now rest upon three Local 29 officials: president Thomas J. Curtis, business agent John J. Miller, and secretary E. E. Williams."

NLRB to Hold Biggest Poll of Office Workers

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, April 11.—The National Labor Relations Board will conduct the largest single elections of office and clerical employees here next week.

Scheduled to take part in the vote are 1,500 employees of R. L. Polk and Co., Inc., who will decide whether or not they want the CIO United Office and Professional Workers to represent them.

The firm publishes directories for more than 25,000 cities and towns in the nation.

Workers School to Give Class in Current Events

Milton Howard, Daily Worker editorial board member, will conduct weekly a course in current events at the Workers School, 36 E. 12th St. beginning next Thursday, 7 p.m.

National Protest Forces Hillman to Ask Hiring of Negroes in 'Defense' Plants

and working conditions on Negro workers.

Determination of "individual skills and aptitudes" of Negro workers is apparently left entirely to the employer.

While there is to be no enforcement machinery attached to the new statement of policy, Hillman told his press conference that he had transferred Robert C. Weaver from the staff of the OPM's labor supply and training section to direct a new section "dealing with the development of programs for the integration of Negroes into the defense effort."

Hillman also announced that he had named Will W. Alexander, former Farm Security Administrator, as a special consultant "concerned with the problems of employment of all minority groups in defense industries through the coordination of field contacts with employers."

"We're leaving out right or wrong. We're interested in this simply as a production problem."

Asked to give specific cases of discrimination against Negroes in "de-

fault" industries, Hillman refused to name any companies.

"We are not holding out any charges," he said. "We're just making a statement of policy to all people."

NO-STRIKE AGREEMENT

Hillman also announced at his press conference an ominous 2-year no-strike and wage-freezing agreement which had been reached for West Coast shipyards which now has \$667,000,000 in government contracts.

This agreement was reached by representatives of the Navy Department, the Maritime Commission, shipbuilding companies and CIO and AFL union officials as a series of conferences in San Francisco. Labor groups and corporations have until a further meeting on April 21 before giving final approval.

The agreement freezes "basic wage rates for standard skilled mechanics for the period of the defense emergency proclaimed by the President of the United States." There is also a 2-year no-strike clause.

Unions are permitted to ask for revision of the wage scale on a

one year. But in the meantime they are stuck with the wage schedule regardless of price rises.

FREY PRESENT

Chief AFL representative at the West Coast conference was John P. Frey, reactionary head of the AFL Metal Trades Federation.

One of the important factors which permitted this wage-freezing agreement is the Hillman-controlled leadership of the CIO-International Union of Shipbuilding and Marine Workers of America.

Hillman is sponsoring a series of conferences to reach similar no-strike wage-freezing agreements for East Coast, Great Lakes and Gulf Coast shipyards.

The Associate OPM Director also made it plain that he is in favor of the same kind of wage-fixing, no-strike agreements in other industries.

He declared that the West Coast agreement "should serve as an inspiring stimulus for the formulation of similar agreements, not only in the other shipbuilding zones where stabilization conferences are present scheduled, but in industries other than shipbuilding where

maximum production is essential."

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Posters of Protest

are being prepared by Bernard Ber, 16-year-old Bronx student at Townsend Harris High School, to be carried in a student march to City Hall next week, as part of their Easter Week demonstrations against the Mayor's budget cut which threatens the existence of this outstanding scholastic institution. Ber planned on his Townsend Harris course to prepare him for college.

Pickets to Mass in Day Strike Today

10th Arrest in Guild Strike; Publishers Break Agreement

A general call for all sympathizers and supporters of the New York Newspaper Guild strike against the Jewish Day to turn out at 12:30 P.M. today for a mass picket demonstration in front of the Day, was repeated yesterday as the tenth anniversary of the strike.

"It amounts to a brazen conspiracy without regard to the conditions which affect the country."

LEWIS DEMANDS ACTION

After picturing the manner in which the "conspirators" have disrupted the conference, Lewis placed the demand before the government that action be taken against them.

"The representatives of the northern coal operators and the United Mine Workers," Lewis continued, "have given the government's representative, Dr. Steelman, the full information concerning all the details of the conspiracy, with specific identification of the master minds who are engineering it."

"I assume that information will be repeated by Dr. Steelman to the government at Washington."

Lewis then added that there can be no agreement while these northern powerful interests "who call themselves southern coal operators, are holding up the coal industry and nation by the thumbs."

He warned of "a very acute danger" of a coal shortage.

"It will begin to become acute some time next week when additional blast furnaces are banked," he said, adding that some furnaces were already banked. Lewis further warned that it would take from four to six days after mine operation is resumed to replenish the coal shortage because of the transportation problem.

"Six of the eight representatives in this conference are in agreement upon a contract for a two-year period and are willing to start the mines at once on that basis, when an outraged public opinion drives these scabs back into the conference."

"The conference has been recessed until Monday, 2 P.M., to give the government time to give consideration to this situation and to permit the crystallization of public opinion."

O'Neill, who preceded Lewis with a statement, said in respect to the batters:

"We regret the withdrawal of the southern operators at the behest of several gentlemen among their number who seek to destroy the Appalachian wage conference. These men, now as ever, have continued to make trouble for the industry and country."

O'Neill then developed the position of the northerners who have long demanded an end to the differential which gives the southern competitors an advantage.

"I charge that the conference is being sabotaged by several well-known southern coal operators in order that they may retain in its whole amount the differential in wages."

O'Neill then significantly made it clear that his statement siding with the UMWA on several points is only a matter of good business policy. He emphasized that concessions are contingent upon bringing the southerners into line.

"The northern coal operators' position," he said, "is that they will pay the same scales as their southern competitors and not one cent more."

"If our southern brethren want to continue to cheat and the UMWA are willing to permit them to do so, we ask they permit that unsavory privilege also to the north."

The southern operators announced formation of a new association, which they named the Southern Coal Operators' Wage Conference, announcing they intend to meet separately with the

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Easter Week Rising Against British Rule Inspires Erin's Defenders 25 Years After

1916 Uprising Was Blow Against War; People Demand Peace Today

By Art Shields

Easter week has sacred memories in Irish revolutionary history.

During Easter Week, 25 years ago, Irish patriots struck a blow for national freedom that was heard round the world.

Three thousand armed Irish workers and their friends rose against imperialist war, proclaimed the Republic and held the city of Dublin for a week against 20,000 British troops.

A new generation of Irishmen renewed the struggle of their Fenian forefathers in the Easter Week uprising. And the blood of the Easter Week martyrs nourished new revolutions when Churchill's Black and Tans ravaged the island in 1918, '19, '20 and '21.

LIBERATION NEAR

The memory of Easter Week inspired the war against the murderous Cosgrave Government in 1921, '22 and '23.

Such national freedom as Ireland—the part now called Eire—wrested from Britain, dates back to the Easter Week rising of 1916.

And Irishmen think of Easter Week today as they gird for the defense of their ports against the attack that Churchill is hinting of launching again.

The movement that led up to the Easter Week rising was born in the great Irish transport strike of 1913. Longshoremen and street carmen shut down the works in many cities. They struck in Dublin the first day of Horse Show Week, embarrassing His Majesty's officers, who couldn't get trains to their parties.

You hear old-timers in the CIO Transport Workers Union in New York telling of that.

Starving Irish workers, out of the terrible tenements that Sean O'Casey shows in his plays, shook the empire with the vigor of their strike.

CONNOLLY LED STRUGGLE

James Larkin and James Connolly—Connolly, the best Marxist writer in the British-owned Isles at the time—were their leaders.

The workers fought back against the savage attacks of His Majesty's police and formed their own strike defense corps of stalwart longshoremen and tram workers.

That labor defense corps later became the Irish Citizen's Army, with James Connolly at its head.

Connolly's troops began drilling with rifles in 1914, some time before the imperialist world war began. The landlords and factory owners of north Ireland, the same year, were preparing for armed insurrection to overthrow the few liberties that the people had won.

Connolly was a deep student of the national question and also of military affairs. He called on the people to rise against the imperialist war.

Writing in the Glasgow Forward, soon after the outbreak of war, he declared:

"The war of a subject nation for independence for its right to live its own life, in its own way, may and can be justified as holy and righteous; the war of a subject class to free itself from the debasing conditions of economic and political slavery, should at all times choose its own weapons . . . but the war of nation against nation, in the interest of royal freebooters and cosmopolitan thieves, is a thing accursed."

Connolly lauded Karl Liebknecht, the revolutionary German Socialist, for his defiance of "imperial and financial brigands and cowardly trimmers and compromisers."

PREPARE FOR REVOLT

In his own "Irish Worker," on August 8, 1914, four days after the declaration of war, Connolly began preparing his oppressed countrymen for armed revolt.

Irish workers would be butchered for British imperialism, he said. Irish workers must get ready to rise.

"Starting thus," said Connolly, Ireland may yet set the torch to a European conflagration that will not burn out until the last throne and the last capitalist bond and debenture are shrivelled on the funeral pyre of the last war lord."

Connolly became general secretary of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union in 1914, when Larkin left for America. As he strengthened the workers' economic organization he built up its military forces at the same time. During 1914 and 1915 he formed a military alliance with the Irish Republican Brotherhood, an outstanding militant nationalist organization.

Leaders, such as Padraig Pearse, the gifted Irish poet, who became the president of the Irish Republic in the Easter Week rising, came more and more under Connolly's influence.

The British Government's intention to conscript Irish manhood in 1918 hastened the uprising.

Connolly, who had been taken into the secret counsels of the Irish Republican Brotherhood, urged speedy action.

Trusted revolutionists like Pearce, Tom Clarke, who had spent 15 years in British prisons, Sean McDermott, and other I.R.B. leaders,



Wounding of Connolly During Easter Week: Reproduction from a contemporary print shows the wounding of James Connolly in the Dublin General Post Office during Easter Week 1916. The great Irish labor leader, who has just been wounded by a British bullet, lies on a stretcher and continues to direct defenses. While still suffering from his wound, he was taken on a stretcher from his hospital bed on May 12, 1916, carried off to Kilmainham Prison, and shot.

were won to the need for bold action.

MCNIELL'S TREACHERY

But compromising nationalists, leaders, outside of the inner I.R.B. circles, but in its mass military organization, the Irish Volunteers, hesitated fatally. The most dangerous of these trimmers was a Professor Eoin McNeill, Chief of Staff of the Volunteers. Connolly repeatedly warned the masses against McNeill's vacillating tendencies.

When the decision was made to strike against British rule all over the island McNeill issued a treacherous order, countermanding the

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the Dublin Volunteers—who disregarded McNeill—to carry on almost alone.

Three thousand armed men struck in Dublin Easter Sunday. Dublin was in the hands of the Revolution the next day. The Irish Tricolor was hoisted on the Post Office and Pearse, from the steps of the building announced the formation of the Republic, in the famous proclamation of the Provisional Government, which appears elsewhere in this issue.

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summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom."

The Irish Republican proclamation promised full "religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities" to all citizens.

BRILLIANT LEADERSHIP

Dublin, fighting alone, held out for a week under the brilliant military leadership of Connolly himself.

Connolly's troops raided and sniped at the enemy, inflicting costly casualties. But Britain's 20,000 soldiers, equipped with artillery, gradually pushed forward and the Irish Republicans fell back to fortified buildings.

Republican strongholds, such as the Post Office and the Four Courts (law buildings), were still scarred from the fighting when a young Irish veteran of the Spanish International Brigade took me around Dublin in 1939.

Connolly, hit three times, directed the fighting in spite of a badly shattered leg.

Paying a tribute to Connolly's leadership, Pearse said in a manifesto to the troops on the sixth desperate day of the struggle:

"If I were to mention the names of individuals, my list would be a long one," said the Provisional President.

"I will name only that of Commandant General James Connolly, commanding the Dublin Division. He lies wounded, but is still the guiding brain of our resistance." (Quoted in Dorothy

McCardle's official history of "The Irish Republic," over one thousand pages by the Crown forces were reported by the daily press. In the four weeks of February, raids numbered over four thousand . . . Winston Churchill, in the House of Commons, on February 24, said that it would be necessary to keep 45,000 effective in Ireland during the year."

In 1921 Churchill was promising "real war, not mere bushwhacking" for the purpose, he said, of getting a "lasting settlement with Ireland" that would remove "the greatest obstacle which has ever existed to Anglo-American unity."

Irish-Americans' support of Irish struggle, stymied the British Empire's moves for Anglo-American unity (such as the Churchill-Roosevelt alliance of today).

Today thousands of patriotic Irishmen and their wives and their children will visit the Dublin Post Office, the Four Courts and the other battle scenes of Easter Week, 1916, when 3,000 armed Republicans held off 20,000 British troops for a week.

Today Churchill wants them back. He hints at another invasion, but he hesitates to attempt it. He learned a lesson in 1916, '20 and '21.

Ireland Fights Imperialist Twins--War and Famine

Irish people today are mobilizing against two major dangers—the dangers of imperialist war and of famine.

The war danger comes from Prime Minister Churchill's constant hints that Britain may try to seize the Irish ports she was forced to abandon in 1938.

If Britain gets those ports the s

land of Eire becomes a bloody battlefield between the armies of London and Berlin. Death will rain from sky bombers and invading troops of two empires will seek to trample the land.

That is Ireland's greatest danger today—danger that rouses the revolutionary spirit of Easter Week, 1916, in Irishmen's hearts.

Connolly's troops RAIDED AND DESTROYED

IRISH REPUBLIC

TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.

IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN. In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom."

Having organised and trained her masses through her secret revolutionary organisation, the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and through her open military organisations, the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Citizen Army, having patiently perfected her discipline, having resolutely waited for the right moment to reveal itself, she seizes that moment, and, supported by her exiled children in America and by gallant fighters in Europe, but relying in the first place on her own strength, she strikes full confidence of victory.

We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland, and to the unfeudal control of Irish destinies, to be sovereign and inalienable. . . . The long usurpation of that right by a foreign people and government has been exasperated by the denial of that right, nor can it ever be extinguished except by the destruction of the Irish people. In every generation the Irish people have asserted their right to national freedom and sovereignty: six times during the past three hundred years have they asserted it in arms. Standing on that fundamental right and again asserting it in arms in the face of the world, we hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovereign Independent State, and we invite every Irishman to join our ranks in the cause of its freedom, of its welfare, and of its ultimate annihilation.

The Irish Republic is entitled to and hereby claims, the allegiance of every Irishman and Irishwoman. The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all the children of the nation equally, and oblivious of the differences carefully fostered by an alien government, which has divided from the majority in the past.

Until our arms have brought the opportunity for the establishment of a permanent National Government, representative of the whole people of Ireland and elected by the suffrages of all her men and women, the Provisional Government, here constituted, will administer the civil and military affairs of the Republic in trust for the people.

We declare that the cause of the Irish Republic under the protection of the Most High God, Whose blessing we invoke upon our arms, and we pray that to one who serves that cause will disown it by cowardice, inhumanity, or rapine. In this supreme hour the Irish nation must, by its valor and discipline and by the readiness of its children to sacrifice themselves for the common good, prove itself worthy of the august destiny to which it is called.

THOMAS J. CLARKE, THOMAS MACDONAGH, P. H. PEARSE, EAMONN CEARBT, JOSEPH PLUNKETT.

Facsimile (reduced) of the Easter Week Proclamation. It was printed on a small hand press. Shortage of type also made it necessary for the printer to use a wrong font letter "e."

ference of working-class organizations to beat the poverty engulfing the lives of the poor. The Communist Party welcomes such as an indication of the path forward for the militant workers' movement. Nothing short of a National All-Party Workers' Conference to discuss the issues facing the working class and the people generally, and to plan action to force the government to line up with the demands of the people, will solve the problems facing the nation.

"This can not be done by the present policy of the leaders of the working-class organizations. The heads of the trade unions and the Labor party have abandoned the working people and entered into a combination with Cosgrave and his abettors in the government to keep the workers gagged and their organizations in feuds.

Perilous as their situation is, the Irish people can congratulate themselves today that their young men are not dying on foreign battlefields in an imperialist war, as many were dying in the last World War.

In the last World War recruiting for the British armies did not stop till the Easter Week rebellion roused the masses against the imperialists.

Leaders, such as Padraig Pearse, the gifted Irish poet, who became the president of the Irish Republic in the Easter Week rising, came more and more under Connolly's influence.

Trusted revolutionists like Pearce, Tom Clarke, who had spent 15 years in British prisons, Sean McDermott, and other I.R.B. leaders,

POBLACHT NA H EIREANN.

THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

OF THE

IRISH REPUBLIC

TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.

IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN. In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom."

Having organised and trained her masses through her secret revolutionary organisation, the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and through her open military organisations, the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Citizen Army, having patiently perfected her discipline, having resolutely waited for the right moment to reveal itself, she seizes that moment, and, supported by her exiled children in America and by gallant fighters in Europe, but relying in the first place on her own strength, she strikes full confidence of victory.

We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland, and to the unfeudal control of Irish destinies, to be sovereign and inalienable. . . . The long usurpation of that right by a foreign people and government has been exasperated by the denial of that right, nor can it ever be extinguished except by the destruction of the Irish people. In every generation the Irish people have asserted their right to national freedom and sovereignty: six times during the past three hundred years have they asserted it in arms. Standing on that fundamental right and again asserting it in arms in the face of the world, we hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovereign Independent State, and we invite every Irishman to join our ranks in the cause of its freedom, of its welfare, and of its ultimate annihilation.

The Irish Republic is entitled to and hereby claims, the allegiance of every Irishman and Irishwoman. The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all the children of the nation equally, and oblivious of the differences carefully fostered by an alien government, which has divided from the majority in the past.

Until our arms have brought the opportunity for the establishment of a permanent National Government, representative of the whole people of Ireland and elected by the suffrages of all her men and women, the Provisional Government, here constituted, will administer the civil and military affairs of the Republic in trust for the people.

We declare that the cause of the Irish Republic under the protection of the Most High God, Whose blessing we invoke upon our arms, and we pray that to one who serves that cause will disown it by cowardice, inhumanity, or rapine. In this supreme hour the Irish nation must, by its valor and discipline and by the readiness of its children to sacrifice themselves for the common good, prove itself worthy of the august destiny to which it is called.

THOMAS J. CLARKE, THOMAS MACDONAGH, P. H. PEARSE, EAMONN CEARBT, JOSEPH PLUNKETT.

Facsimile (reduced) of the Easter Week Proclamation. It was printed on a small hand press. Shortage of type also made it necessary for the printer to use a wrong font letter "e."

ganizations, with the interest of the Irish people at heart, to come together to discuss the terrible menace facing this country as a result of the spreading war.

"The Communist Party on behalf of its members and supporters, pledges itself, as part of its contribution to the fight to preserve and extend neutrality and to advance to the full unity and independence of the country, to unceasing agitation and struggle for such a conference, which would decide on an agreed policy for the militant movement in defense of the bread, homes, lives and jobs of the people.

"Issues of life and death face the Irish people. The hour is late, the threat is urgent. It is a matter of honor for all those charged with the leadership of any section of the Labor or Republican movement, to see that the common people act to save their country, their homes and their very existence."

"Already certain Dublin unions, representing the might of militant Labor, send forward a call for a National Conference of all labor, republican and democratic or-

Lenin Hailed Struggle as Profound Social Movement

MacArdle's official history of "The Irish Republic."

The Post Office was ablaze, while Pearse was writing this tribute. The battle (not the revolution) was being lost. The British army occupied Dublin the next day.

And soon after the butcher war cabinet of Asquith, Lloyd George, of Churchill and Henderson, the Social-Democrat, had their way with the leaders of the Irish Republic.

BUTCHER LEADERS

Connolly was shot as he sat, propped up in a chair. Butchered too were Tom Clarke, Padraig Pearse, Sean McDermott, Thomas MacDonagh, Eamonn Kent and Joseph Plunkett, the signers of the Republican Proclamation, and several other Republican leaders.

The leaders were slain, but the lives of tens of thousands other Irishmen were saved. Britain gave up the idea of Irish conscription and no son of Erin would volunteer any more.

The Empire boasted nevertheless that the Republic was dead. But in

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After Greenland, What Next?

In establishing naval bases at Greenland, the Administration takes still one more step toward the arena of war.

Undoubtedly, this move is planned as a stage toward convoys. Greenland will be used as a convoy stop. It pushes the country into the middle of the Atlantic, to the very edge of the recognized war zone. The next move, as it is being apparently planned in Washington, will push the country over the edge.

From Greenland, it is a short hop to Iceland. From Iceland, it is a quick jump to Ireland. Is it planned that Ireland shall be used next as a springboard into the slaughter? Mr. Winston Churchill persistently refers to Irish naval bases in the speeches he addresses to the United States.

It is, of course, an empty formality when it is claimed that the Danish Government "assented" to the building of naval bases. The so-called Danish Government no more represents the Danish people than Hitler's stooges in Denmark do.

What is taking place is that the large imperialist powers are grabbing advantageous military positions wherever they can, and are trampling on the smaller nations which happen to stand in the way. That both sides claim they are doing this with the noblest motives of "protection" doesn't alter the grabbing in the least.

The American people overwhelmingly want to step out of the war. That is, they desire the exact opposite of what the Greenland move implies.

The City Should Set an Example on Labor Drives

It is now clear that Mayor LaGuardia stands at the head of the union-busting, strikebreaking campaign which the press is conducting against the Transport Workers Union.

But, since when did it become unlawful for government employees, whether civil service or not, to have the right of collective bargaining? In fact, the city administration should set the example to other employers in observing the law of the land, namely the National Labor Relations Act. The Mayor, however, seems to think the transport workers must be subject to any kind of hours, wages and working conditions, and that their only bulwark of protection—the union—must be smashed.

In this, Mayor LaGuardia is acting as a spearhead for the lawless attacks against organized labor in other industries. He is reflecting the reactionary spirit of the employers—and others like the Rapp-Coudert Committee—who are trying to undermine labor from several angles.

The Transport Workers Union has made some exceptionally fine gains for its members and has thus advanced the cause of all unions. And the violence which the Mayor's attitude and the labor-hating press is trying to incite against it, spells danger for unions in other industries. The entire labor movement should answer these attacks with unflinching support to the organized transport workers.

Townsend Harris—a Warning

Even the Herald Tribune, in an editorial yesterday, opposes the discontinuance of Townsend Harris High School.

But it takes this stand only because there is such a mass uproar in the specific case, that it threatens to expose the whole school-wrecking campaign of the Rapp-Coudert Committee.

The high educational standards and usefulness of Townsend Harris is so well-known that the guillotine, which Mayor LaGuardia has set for it, strikes fear for other educational institutions. The Tribune, however, has nothing to say about the dismembering planned for schools in the Bronx, Queens, Harlem, Brooklyn, the East Side and even for rural schools up-state. It does not editorialize against overcrowded classrooms, school budget cuts, or witch-burnings against disintinguished faculty members.

In fact, the Tribune cannot wash its hands so easily of the threatened Townsend Harris calamity. For it is one of the chief roosters for the Rapp-Coudert Committee, in whose destructive band-wagon the Mayor now plainly takes a front seat.

Broad protests by students, parents, labor and public-spirited citizens alone can defeat the wiping out of Townsend Harris. Moreover, they will go a long way toward stopping still further vandalism which, after all, is the prime purpose of Sen. Coudert's red-baiting attacks upon the school system.

The Tradition of The Easter Rising

One of the most glorious events in the long battles of the Irish people for their freedom from British imperialism was the Easter Rising. The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of this event is tomorrow. In today's issue of the Daily Worker—on page 5—will be found articles commemorating its significance.

The slogan which the Irish people raised on this memorable occasion was against King and Kaiser, and for Ireland's full independence. This brings vividly to mind the present situation of Eire—whose peace and freedom can be served only through complete neutrality against Hitler and the Empire.

Both the Roosevelt and Churchill governments are organizing a blockade which entails hunger and further subjection for the Irish masses. At the same time that these governments prate about democracy, they are working to secure bases in Eire in order to tighten colonial rule over the Irish people. Ireland can teach the world much about the kind of democracy the Empire is fighting for. And the courage of the great leader of the Easter Rising, James Connolly, will serve as an inspiration not only to the Irish people, but to the oppressed everywhere.

It has always been the tradition of Irish Americans to give assistance to Ireland's battle for freedom. A recognition of this tradition today re-emphasizes the obligation to work against the imperialist blockade and to fight uncompromisingly for Ireland's peace and neutrality.

Truly Frightening

Lady Astor (she owns \$100,000,000 of New York real estate including choice slums) said something significant yesterday (believe it or not).

She said that the "faith which the English people have in him (Churchill) is frightening."

There is something below the surface here.

When this "faith" is shattered by the truth, and the English people get a clear view of what their rulers have done to them, they will settle accounts with the Lady Astors and their fellow parasites in a way that will be truly "frightening"—to them. For a people's Britain will give to the masses the bread and freedom of which the Astors rob them.

Is that what haunts the Lady Who Owns the Slums?

The British Empire Looks for a Formula

Already British imperialism is searching for a fancy way to substitute its own mastery over the Ethiopian people, for that of Italian imperialism.

The early edition of the New York Times yesterday carried a story from a writer on the London Times who revealed, undoubtedly, what is going on in the minds of the Churchill government. Couched in the typical weasel words of the British ruling class, the story said:

"It is possible to believe that the independence of Ethiopia must be restored and yet to face the fact that the Emperor (Haile Selassie) will need much help in re-establishing order. . . . We shall be in practical control, yet for obvious reasons anything resembling a British protectorate is out of the question. Might we not, therefore, arrange with the Emperor that he should accept from the first some non-British advisers? . . . If, after the war, some international organization is set up they, with any British colleagues, could pass into its service."

Perhaps what the writer had in mind was some "non-British" adviser like an official of the Canadian or Australian governments.

As the Daily Worker warned in an editorial two days ago, the British empire is no more fighting for the freedom and independence of small nations than Hitler is. Having sold Ethiopia down the river twice before, it has now become a main obstacle to this Negro nation's independence.

But Ethiopia did not fight against the yoke of Mussolini only to become another South African slave for the crown. The full independence of Ethiopia should be recognized now—not in the distant future. And the Negro people of America and freedom-lovers everywhere will support Ethiopia to this end.

More Letters Wanted

The correspondence from workers, which we publish on Monday's and Thursday's, has not only been of general interest to all our readers, but has helped union organization in the communities from which the letters are sent.

We want more such letters from workers in all industries. In particular, we invite workers in the heavy industries to write—steel workers, miners, auto and rubber workers.

For these are the industries where today the profits are the highest, where speedup is the greatest, and where the employers are most concerned with disrupting the unions and blocking further organizational growth.

Such letters will help the workers to strengthen their unions and to improve the general life of their communities.

Both Going Up



by Gropper

Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

READERS' DAY

SPRING THOUGHTS

Spring is here
My number's low,

I'm Class 1A
And slated to go.

A family and
A sweetheart too,

A job, a life—

The same as you.

Spring is life,
And this May Day

I want to march—
But not away.

That path is death,
Deferment here;

In the ranks of Spring
I volunteer.

ARCHER.

May Day comes but once a year
But in our heart it's always here.

Helen Lurye, age 12.

On May Day the workers will take their stand
To make a free and better land.

F. Jaffe, age 13.

When Cordell Hull spoke of the increasing number of nations becoming aware of the movement of world conquest, could he have been referring to the way South Americans and Canadians feel when they see Wall Street grabbing naval bases?

Al L.

To every worker I pen this ditty:
Support the United May Day Committee.

B. S.

GET OUT AND STAY OUT

(Tune: "There's a Tavern in the Town")

We refuse to lend or lease (lend or lease!)

Our democracy and peace (our peace!)

Let's unite our voices in a mighty roar:

Get out and stay out of this war!

Roosevelt wants our boys to die

For Wall Street's profits piled up high;

But from the people comes the cry:

That's not democracy!

They financed Hitler's mad career (mad career!)

They plot to plant his system here (system here!)

Let us close our ranks and shout from shore to shore:

Get out and stay out of this war!

They tell the people: sacrifice (sacrifice!)

Why don't they take their own advice (own advice?)

Let's unite our voices in a mighty roar:

Get out and stay out of this war!

They betrayed Republic Spain.

Brave China called for help in vain;

And Ireland chafes at Britain's chain.

Is that democracy?

Shall our boys be shipped to die (shipped to die)

To make a monstrous new Versailles (new Versailles?)

Let us close our ranks and shout from shore to shore:

Get out and stay out of this war!

R. W.

On May Day the officials of ILGWU and Amalgamated
Will find their tactics with the rank and file outdated.

For Merchant Employe.

John D. is a religious man.

Believes in Heaven after life's span.

What is Heaven to John D?

Motorized angels buying Socony. L. K.

From the unhappiest of nations to the bright Soviet Land,

The people on May Day will march hand in hand.

Bernard R.

OPM Director Knudsen is the fellow who came back from Nazi Germany with glowing reports of a "20th century miracle." Judging by his latest tricks he hankers to be a miracle-maker himself.

F. ANTICO.

Letters from Our Readers

Dad Never Missed Reading "Daily"— Writes Daughter of Defendant

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I am writing you for my father. We know that his subscription to the Daily Worker expired, but we cannot renew it because my father is one of the 28 Pittsburghers held in jail for collecting signatures on petitions to put the Communist Party on the ballot. Now that he is in jail, there is no money coming in so we simply cannot renew for him. He told us that each one of them gets a "Daily" every day. We are glad to hear that because Dad never missed reading it.

I am sure that as soon as Dad is released and he begins to work he will renew his subscription for his paper.

HELEN SKRTICH.

Dorothy Thompson's Cure—
Her Master's Brand

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Like capitalism, whose servant and mouthpiece she is, Dorothy Thompson is full of inconsistencies and contradictions. In her column in the New York Post of April 2, she attempts to analyze the labor situation and its complicating factors. Pointing to Communism as one of such complicating factors, she proceeds to pour out an avalanche of slander, lies and accusations, never stopping to give a single fact in support of her charges.

And then she offers the following cure: "If we would get clear in our heads we would know what to do about Communists. First, we would design a democratic social and economic program that would attract the really honest people who rightfully consider that plenty of things are not so good in Denmark, and we would go after the Communist Party," etc.

So, dear Dorothy, you admit that "plenty of things are not so good in Denmark." But what kind of a "democratic social and economic program" would you

"design" that would

CHANGE THE WORLD



Mike Reports on the Intellectual Advance Of Four-Year-Old Nicky

By MIKE GOLD

FURTHER reports by a Pop on the intellectual advance of his four-year-old fireball:

A friend who likes kids took Nicky out the other day for lunch in a restaurant. This is a rare treat for him. I guess it makes him feel important and a recognized member of the grown-up world.

He was properly elated, with that glow all over his face that always reminds me of Robert Minor.

When Bob meets something he likes, a bit of good working class news, a fine painting, a well-told story, a loyal comrade, his smile is memorable. It is no mere mediocre facial movement, but something that comes up from his abysses. Every atom of his big body is stirred, and rushes its forces into that smile.

Suddenly, night defeated, flees from the Rocky Mountains. The sun comes up like a thousand-gun salute to life. A million birds go crazy, and shaggy old pine forests dance in the dawn-wind. From all over the happy world comes the joyful chorus of workers breaking chains in revolution.

Which is Bob's smile. It is more truly than any puny Hollywood film, colossal. Michael Angelo must have smiled that way. This is the smile of one who is a genius because he has a great appetite for life, and loves and hates powerfully, not like Caspar Milquetoast, the little bourgeois who plays safe.

But there—I am not only digressing, but am taking an unexpected aeroplane flight. Back to Nicky. What I meant to say is, that since babyhood he has had a whole-hearted, big smile, and it has pleased me to believe it is like Bob Minor's.

So here is Nicky in the restaurant, pleased as Punch. His friend gets the menu and reads him the list of possibilities. Nicky selects his favorite dish—chicken. The order is placed, and then the awkward interval of waiting for the water begins.

Nicky's date, to tide it over, and to make encouraging conversation, asks:

"Are you hungry, Nicky?"

"No," he answers her.

"What, not really hungry?"

He thinks this over carefully. Then he says:

"No, not really hungry. Just chicken-hungry."

I like this evidence of self knowledge and of honesty in the use of words. I have met many Communists who had this kind of hunger. They were indifferent about the usual bourgeois rewards: weren't hungry for money, the latest car or radio, publicity in the papers, and all those things. They were socialism-hungry, justice-hungry. Milquetoast is incapable of such single-tracked hunger, so he thinks it shows a narrow mind. But maybe it is a form of genius. Anyway, I hope Nicky will always be chicken-hungry about life and its possibilities, as big and hungry as Bob Minor has always been, for instance.

I do not believe it wise to stuff doctrines into a child. Wait until he asks you a question. Then answer it briefly and truthfully. Use as little preachment and didacticism as possible. Children learn faster and better through entertainment. That means, you must teach them with images, not with abstractions.

As I have previously reported, Nicky has learned that everything in the world is made by workers. It was simple to teach him this; because like all children, he is always asking questions like: Who made that house? Who made this cake? Who made the ferry-boats?

Answer: the Workers.

Recently, he has reached beyond this, and has been asking who made the sky? Who makes the grass grow? Who makes the wind?

The answer here has been: Nature.

But a little playmate who has been taught otherwise, has been passing on her own doctrine to Nicky, and has set up a new series of questions regarding sky, wind and grass.

Nicky came home one day and said, with much feeling:

"Do you know something, Mike?"

"No, what is it, grasshopper?"

"God is very, very kind."

"God? Who is God, Nicky?"

"He is a big man, big up to the sky, and he made everything. Linda told me that."

"I see. Did Linda tell you why God is kind?"

"Yes. He puts all the good children in the sky. The bad children put into a big fire and burn them."

"I see. Do you think burning children is very kind?"

"I don't know."

"Well, think it over. Would you want me to burn you if you were dead?"

"No."

"Just think it over then. And by the way, how did Linda know there was a God?"

"She saw him."

"What?"

"Yes, Mike, she really saw him. He was on a big picture in her church."

This stumped me. After all, a picture is as convincing to a child as the real thing. I could not deny a picture. I decided to drop the matter and not make it seem too important. But I asked a last question of Nicky:

"By the way, Grasshopper, who made that picture?"

"The workers," he answered, promptly. Let's leave it at that for a while.

Stage Notes

Tonight is Night Club Night for the American Youth Theatre. A floor show, with Phil Leeds as Master of Ceremonies and Betty Garrett as hostess is the feature of a gala Easter party, which is in the nature of a farewell to the popular AYT revue. The party will begin at 9 P. M. at Main Studio, 133 West 44th Street.

Meantime, the American Youth Theatre is busy rehearsing "You Can't Sleep Here." Blocks of tickets are available for the April 23 and May 11 performances, and individual tickets for all dates. Reservations may be made with Sylvia Seigler, 35 East 30th St. MU 4-0978.

Inasmuch as the 125th performance of "Meet the People" falls on this Saturday's matinee, the boys and girls of the cast have organized a picnic in Central Park between performances by way of a celebration. A telephone call to the United States weather bureau revealed the fact that the sun will set officially at 6:32 which will give them an hour and a half to romp on the greens and clutter up the lawns with sandwich wrappings.

On Sunday evenings, April 20 and 27, at 8:45 P. M., Helen Tamiris and group will give the first performance of a new suite for soloist and group, called "Liberty Song." The dance

recitals will be given in Tamiris' studio at 434 Lafayette Street, Manhattan.

The suite is based on songs of the period of the American Revolution, arranged by Genevieve Pitot for piano, percussion and voices. It is in four parts: "What a Court Had Old England," "May Days Have Been So Wondrous Free," "Bunker Hall," and "Ode to the Fourth of July."

Plays for Vets



Dick Messner and his twelve piece orchestra will furnish the dance music at the Lincoln Veterans' basketball game and dance tonight at the Royal Windsor.

Trust Busters Ignore Big Five

Hays Organization Protects Monopoly Profits of Hollywood Corporations

[This is the second in a series of three articles on "Imperial Hollywood."]

By Charles Glenn

When Wall Street took over in Hollywood, the financial and moral structure of the industry was more or less taken care of by institution of the "Hays office," the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors Association. The MPDDA, contrary to public opinion, is more than a moral body. Listen to the remarks of an investigating group of the temporary National Economic Committee:

"The Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc., better known as the Hays organization from the political figure employed to be its head, is an illuminating example of the co-operation of large business units for self-protection. It . . . is today supported exclusively by the large companies. It was conceived in fear of regulation of the industry by the public and dedicated to the proposition that outsiders should never dictate its policies."

The Hays organization is dominated and controlled by the "Big Five" Paramount, M-G-M (Loew's) RKO, Warner Brothers, 20th Century Fox, and the "Little Three," Columbia, Universal and United Artists. So what are they protecting through their organization?

In the years 1935-40, Paramount announced profits of \$25,175,102. Columbia, in 1939-40 earned \$9,579,674 in net profits.

Warner Brothers after years of "losses" (with few decreases in major salaries) took a profit of \$2,747,472 in the fiscal year of 1940. In this war year with all the talk of retrenchment and loss of foreign markets, Warners have taken in the first quarter a profit totaling almost half of the 1940 net, \$1,276,316.

20th Century-Fox since 1935 has earned around 30 million dollars. Keep these figures in mind. Reconcile them with the fact that 20th Century Fox's Darryl Zanuck has been appointed a Lieutenant-Colonel in charge of "national defense" pictures; that Paramount is leading in the production of war films; that Warner Brothers have formed the Warners, a vigilante organization.

Profits Need Protection

Oh yes, one more point . . . There is reason to believe that at some of these companies (probably all of them) the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Dies Committee have regularly assigned men at work. Profits need protection.

As to monopoly practices in the industry, the TNEC report said that the "Big Five" took 70 per cent of ALL revenues while the "Little Three" took 26 per cent. The "Big Five" are engaged in all spheres of the industry, production, distribution and exhibition.

In exhibition, the "Big Five" control only 2,800 of 17,000 theatres or 16 per cent. But:

They collect 53 per cent of the total revenues from the theatres. In the 400 largest cities of America, there are 1,300 first run theatres. Of this number, 828 or 61 per cent are operated by one of the "Big Five." Major power is concentrated where the largest industrial population and greatest profits . . . is concentrated.

A recent "consent decree" signed with "trust buster" Thurman Arnold and the Department of Justice did nothing about the monopoly, merely straightened out the matter of "blind selling" and "block booking" with the independent exhibitor. It did not break or attempt to break the monopoly control of the "Big Five."

Paper Losses

Despite the age of many of our first-run theatres, not one major first-run house has been opened in the United States since the opening of the Radio City Music Hall in 1932.

It is in exhibition where the industry claims paper losses. However, the small, independent exhibitor is also going broke or is playing so close to the board that an economic pause might prove fatal to him. His houses often empty because of a poor picture for which he must pay a set scale.

And yet, despite this "squeeze" in exhibition, millions of Americans are unable to see any kind of film at any time, certainly they don't



Drawing by AMEN.

see the first runs. The Motion Picture Producers and Distributors Association estimates 80,000,000 Americans go to the movies every week. This is a guess and our guess is as good as a producer's.

A great many of these 80 million are school children whose parents unable to see a picture, can squeeze a dime a week for a Saturday matinee.

In 1929, admission prices averaged 30 cents. 1933-35, the average was 20 cents. During the days of the New Deal, admission prices started up in 1938 and 1939 they averaged 23 cents. In 1940, the average climbed to 25 cents and it's still going up.

Many "average Americans" cannot afford to pay an average of 25 cents a head for a show?

Well, there you have it . . . a great potential audience, a crying

need for more modern theatres with the latest possible scientific advances and a social system which will allow neither to be satisfied because the industry is in the hands of the dollar-hungry few who won't solve the problem of unemployment in Hollywood or in America, because it will mean fewer profits.

Americans are pretty well disgusted with the type of film now being released, war-mongering and escape films. Why Hollywood makes these films against the public interest and thus tends to kill off as a constructive social force, and incur the enmity of the American people, is not so hard to see.

Note: Figures used in this series are from Weekly Variety, Daily Variety, Hollywood Reporter, Motion Picture Almanac and various government sources.

U. S. History Subject of New Lecture Series

The New Masses Readers League announces that it has planned a new series of lectures which will be called "Rediscovering American History" to be given by Herbert Aptheker, noted American historian and specialist in rank and file movements in American history.

The series will be given at the Malin Studios, 135 W. 44th St., consists of six lectures and will run from April 12 to May 17 inclusive.

The dates and titles of the lectures are as follows: April 12, Jeffersonian; April 19, The Jacksonian Era; April 26, Slavery and Political Parties; May 3, The Civil War; May 10, Reconstruction—The Battle for Democracy; May 17, Origin of Modern American Imperialism.

The history lecture series differs greatly from the kind of history found in the text books or the class rooms of the American school system. Mr. Aptheker, instead, will present an analysis of the forces that developed America from the 17th Century to date that will help greatly in an understanding of the traditions in this country. The entire series will cost \$12.50, for members of trade unions \$1. The cost per lecture is 25 cents. Orders for the series can be placed with the New Masses, 461 Fourth Ave., Workers Bookshop, 50 E. 13th St., and the Bookfair, 133 W. 44th St.

The first lecture in the series will be given today at 2:30 P. M.

THE STAGE

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Mercury Production by Orson Welles.

1940-41: "The New Teacher," Boris Chirkov and Tamara Makarova, in "The New Teacher," a Soviet Love Story.

MIAMI THEATRE, 6th Ave., at 47th St. Cont. from 10 a.m. weekdays

A Useful Pamphlet But Not in Mr. Bevin's Way

LABOR IN THE WAR, by John Price. Penguin Special. 30 cents.

Mr. Price, who is the secretary of the Political Department of the Transport and General Workers' Union of England declares:

"Organized labor will henceforth be satisfied with nothing less than full partnership in the State."

And it would appear from his concluding pages that British capitalism, through the columns of father Times, has already been convinced of this claim. So there is no longer any need for the workers to come together in trade unions as centers of resistance against the encroachments of capital . . . nor to use "their organized forces as a lever for the final emancipation of the working class, that is to say, the ultimate abolition of the wage system."

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priced from bargaining as to the price of their aid, were, on the whole 'done' at its close." The labor leaders are doing the same in this war, so that the working class can again be "done" at its close."

I am inclined to agree with Bevin that such works as this can be extremely useful, but for different reasons, because they show to the trade union and labor rank and file the necessity of bringing about a revolution in their leadership and in the policy of their organizations.

To Mr. Price I would say in closing: "Be careful lest Herbert incaracter you for creating 'alarm and despondency,' which after all, is the last thing you would want to do." But then, perhaps that is why he will not do it.

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Film Notes

"Three Women" is now playing at the Irving Place Theatre. Among the featured players are Boris Chirkov, who acting in "Chapayev" did much to immortalize that picture, and Boris Chirkov, the leading man of the prize-winning "Youth of Maxim."

A brilliant French film "Life Dances On," starring Harry Baur, Raimu and Louis Jouvet will be shown on the same program.

"The New Teacher" begins the second week of its run at the Miami Playhouse, Sixth Avenue near 47th Street, today. "The New Latvia" and "Soviet Arctic," which supplement the program, will also remain. The film also opens today at the Studio Theatre in Chicago.

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